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APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL FIBER GLASS PREFORM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified patent application, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows: